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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 4, 2011**. Mississippi was hit by tropical storm Lee this holiday weekend. Many areas of the state received much needed rain for pastures and livestock; however the wet fields will slow crop harvest for effected producers. Some areas had flooding and there have been reports of rice lodging due to the high winds. Soil moisture was rated 9 percent very short, 16 percent short, 51 percent adequate and 24 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending September 4, 2011				
Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, dent	100	100	100	100
Corn, mature	99	94	100	98
Corn, harvested	83	51	89	71
Cotton, setting bolls	100	100	100	100
Cotton, open bolls	58	31	84	64
Cotton, harvested	1	--	8	3
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	86	84	87	87
Rice, headed	100	100	100	100
Rice, mature	72	45	95	71
Rice, harvested	40	16	49	23
Sorghum, coloring	96	90	100	99
Sorghum, mature	77	69	99	89
Sorghum, harvested	28	18	69	51
Soybeans, setting pods	100	99	100	100
Soybeans, turning color	60	46	84	75
Soybeans, dropping leaves	34	18	69	57
Soybeans, harvested	7	--	36	31
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	14	4	9	8

Crop condition for week ending September 4, 2011					
Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton	3	9	25	48	15
Hay	8	17	37	36	2
Livestock	3	13	43	33	8
Pasture	15	18	37	27	3
Peanuts	0	13	42	31	14
Rice	1	5	28	49	17
Sorghum	0	7	27	57	9
Soybeans	3	9	26	49	13
Sweet Potatoes	0	3	17	48	32

Comments

- “South parts of the county got heavy rain this weekend. Harvest will resume in a couple of days.”

— Don Respress Quitman
- The tropical storm will get a mixed response since farmers who are harvesting would have preferred to miss it. Those with late soybeans and cotton still need moisture.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala
- “Tropical storm Lee was a blessing in most cases for areas that were suffering from the lack of rain. Just maybe, the stifling heat has come to an end also. Winter forage planters were waiting on some moisture in order to plant and now they have got it!”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin
- “Heavy rains over the labor day weekend put a stop to hay harvest. Pastures will hopefully recover enough for a late cutting of hay. Moisture levels should be good to begin fall planting of cool season forages. Several loads of hay have been shipped to Texas, with more to be baled and shipped.”

— Richard Hay, Amite
- “We received much needed rain. Most of the 5 inches received came slow enough to be soaked into the soil profile with little runoff. This will help producers preparing to plant winter annuals for forages.”

— Mark Mowdy, Franklin
- “Most parts of Jasper County received over 9 inches of rain in a three day period. Cooler temps will relieve stress on cattle.”

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

“Harvest was in full swing until rains set in Sunday evening. Most people are through watering, so the rains didn't help in that respect. Most of the corn is already cut and rice is not far behind. There are still a lot of soybean acres to be harvested along with the bulk of the cotton crop.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“It’s been hot and dry. Producers are watching the Gulf of Mexico in hopes there will not be any tropical storms or hurricanes that will make their lives miserable for the next few weeks of harvest.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Corn harvest is going well with dry land yields of 70-140. Cotton defoliation will begin next week.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“We've received an enormous amount of rain over the holiday weekend. Rainfall totals range from 4 to 8 inches across the county. This will greatly help most field crops while at the same time delay the beginning of harvest for corn.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Rains from the tropical storm brought harvest to a stop this labor day weekend. Locally it dropped approximately 2 inches of rain in Humphreys County. But, with dry conditions prevailing harvest should regain momentum by the middle of the week. Corn harvest is done and soybeans and rice were wide open in the middle of harvest last week. Cotton bolls were opening fast last week, with a few acres already harvested and lot of acres waiting on defoliation to work. Growers here were lucky to get minimal rainfall and not much wind. Cotton harvest will be wide open as soon as we dry up a bit.”

— Preston Aust, Humphreys

“Corn harvest is complete and lacking. Soybean harvest has started and is better than some expected.”

— Robert Martin, Issaquena & Sharkey

“Tropical storm Lee brought relief to the heat and dust. Most all crops were mature and did not need the moisture. Most of the corn has been harvested. The pace for soybean and rice harvest is picking up although at the moment wet fields will slow harvest activities down. Cotton defoliation and harvesting activities have also picked up.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Harvest of all major summer crops is well underway with all production corn being harvested and a few dryland low input acres left to go. Cotton is getting ready fast and the threat of large rainfall over the weekend has producers hoping it goes elsewhere. Hay is leaving for Texas at a rapid pace. Let’s hope we are able to help our brethren without shooting ourselves in the foot.”

— Strider McCrory, Sunflower

“Rain this weekend has made some rice lodge and stopped other crops from being harvested for the next couple of days.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“We received 9 - 12 inches of much needed rain over the weekend. This will halt corn harvest but will help much of the soybean crop.”

— Carolyn Conger, Covington

“We received 5-6 inches of rain from tropical storm Lee. Moisture was much needed and most has already gone into the ground. Cotton seems to be O. K. Rain will definitely help grow some more hay for a fall cutting. The hay crop will be short this year and yields have been low so far. There was very little damage or flooding from the storm.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending September 4, 2011

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Charleston 1N	102	63	81	77	4	0.00	-0.77	0	1.45
Cleveland	99	64	82	79	3	0.00	-0.65	0	4.62
Lambert 5E	100	63	82			0.05	-0.68	1	3.45
Tunica	98	66	82	77	5	0.00	-0.57	0	2.77
Extreme/Average	102	63	82	78	4	0.01	-0.62	0	3.61
North-Central									
Batesville 2SW	101	62	82	76	6	0.00	-0.68	0	1.27
Hickory Flat	100	59	81	76	5	0.00	-0.88	0	1.72
Holly Springs 4	100	59	81	75	6	0.00	-0.81	0	1.36
Independence 1W	98	59	80	76	4	0.00	-0.76	0	2.64
University	99	62	82	76	6	0.00	-0.84	0	1.24
Extreme/Average	101	59	81	77	4	0.00	-0.80	0	1.65
Northeast									
Booneville	96	61	80	76	4	0.00	-0.82	0	2.13
Corinth City	97	59	79	78	1	0.00	-0.86	0	1.50
Pontotoc Exp Stn	98	62	81	78	3	0.07	-0.78	1	0.65
Verona Exp	100	62	81	78	3	0.00	-0.98	0	0.21
Extreme/Average	100	59	80	77	3	0.02	-0.81	0	1.12
Lower Delta									
Belzoni				79		0.00	-0.59	0	1.39
Moorhead	100	68	83	79	4	0.38	-0.25	1	0.83
Rolling Fork	101	67	83	79	4	0.45	-0.16	1	1.48
Yazoo City 5NNE	103	67	85	80	5	0.45	-0.21	1	1.48
Extreme/Average	103	67	84	79	5	0.32	-0.30	1	1.30
Central									
Canton	101	62	81	79	2	0.40	-0.28	1	1.71
Kosciusko	100	66	81	79	2	0.08	-0.69	1	2.60
Forest 3S	99	60	80	78	2	0.57	-0.34	1	1.26
Winona 5E	96	63	78	75	3	0.09	-0.68	1	2.10
Extreme/Average	101	60	80	78	2	0.29	-0.48	1	1.92
East-Central									
Aberdeen	98	64	82	77	5	0.02	-0.72	1	3.25
Columbus	100	63	81	79	2	0.18	-0.66	1	2.37
Macon 2E	98	63	81	78	3	0.03	-0.81	1	0.17
State University	100	63	81	78	3	0.21	-0.56	1	1.56
Extreme/Average	100	63	81	78	3	0.11	-0.69	1	1.84
Southwest									
Brookhaven City	100	65	82	79	3	2.30	1.32	1	2.50
Crystal Springs	99	68	81	79	2	1.56	0.59	2	3.27
Natchez	101	64	81	80	1	2.38	1.47	2	2.68
Vicksburg	99	67	82			0.46		1	1.91
Extreme/Average	101	64	82	79	3	1.68	0.77	2	2.59
South-Central									
Collins	99	66	80	79	1	2.50	1.55	1	2.80
Columbia	101	66	82	80	2	2.92	1.94	2	4.51
Monticello	105	67	83	79	4	0.00	-0.91	0	2.19
Raleigh						1.03		1	1.77
Extreme/Average	105	66	82	79	3	1.61	0.63	1	2.82
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	96	68	81	80	1	4.27	3.22	2	6.85
Laurel	99	64	80	79	1	1.40	0.44	1	6.42
Newton Exp Stn				78		0.00	-0.84	0	1.17
Waynesboro 2W	99	64	81	78	3	1.30	0.37	1	3.05
Extreme/Average	99	64	80	79	1	1.74	0.84	1	4.37
State	105	59	81	78	3	0.73	-0.08	1	2.40

DFN = Departure from Normal.